

# Methodist Centenary Church

Wesley House, Leeson Park, Dublin 6

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## Announcements on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2025

### Our Mission Statement

Our Mission is to receive God's love and to share it with others through our Welcome, our Worship, our Community and our Service.

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September

Season of Creation service led by Maureen and Andrew



*Andrew and Maureen attended Harvesting Hope in Gurteen Agricultural College, Co. Tipperary last Saturday.*



## Service of celebration and affirmation of Local Preachers

We thank God for our six fully accredited Circuit Local Preachers, Jean Kingston, Gillie Hinds, Lesley Rankin, Soyoung Min, Moba Mwanzele and Kevin Nam. Three were able to attend on Sunday, along with Daniel Kojo Antwui from Ghana. We also give thanks to God for the faithful ministry of retired Local Preacher, Ernest Armitage who continues to be in robust physical health in Mount Tabor Nursing Home.



*Soyoung Min receiving her certificate of accreditation*

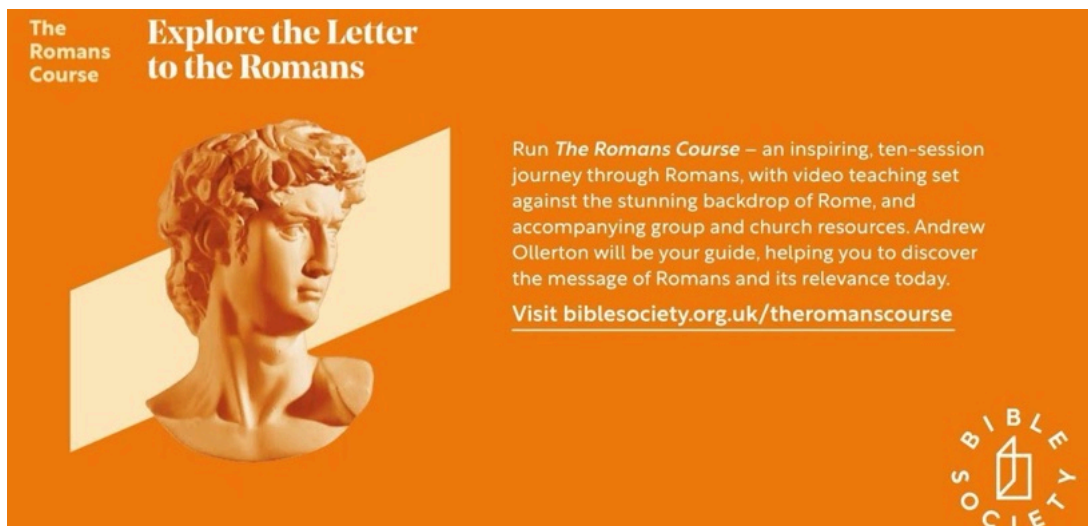


*Local Preachers answering the annual questions required by Conference*

## Bible Study – The Romans Course

Our **weekly** Bible Study series is happening today on **Wednesday, 24th September at 7:30pm**. We'll be exploring The Romans Course together. All are welcome to join! I highly recommend this 10 week course.

You'll find the course notes attached as a PDF.  [The Romans Course.pdf](#) We encourage you to download them to save on printing. A limited number of printed copies will also be available for anyone who can't access them on a phone or printer.



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## Circuit Inter-Church Football Match At Bushy Park

 **17** Saturday, 27th September, from 2:30–4:30pm



[Bushy Park.pdf](#)



*Centenary/Tallaght team 2024*

All male and female team members are invited to join a friendly football afternoon on **Saturday, 27th September, from 2:30–4:30pm** in **Bushy Park**.

It's **Dublin Korean Church & Rathgar vs. Centenary & Tallaght!**

There'll also be a short match for younger children at half-time and snacks for everyone after full-time.

To sign up, contact Andrew:




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## Sandford Parish Bumper Book Sale

 Fri 26th Sept - Sun 28th Sept, 11am - 3pm

Sandford Parish is having a Bumper Book Sale from 11am - 3pm on Friday 26th, Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th September. Admission is €20 and you can take home a pile of books.

There will be refreshments available too.



**Friday 26<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> and  
Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September**

11 am - 3 pm in  
Sandford Church

Admission €20 and  
take home 5/6 Books

Free refreshments

## Thought for the week

A little bit of humour to start. I asked a Gardener if he would tidy my garden, tend to my flower beds and cut some hedging. He asked me what shape my garden was, I told him it was portrait. He said sorry but he was a landscape Gardener.

I am by no means a gardener and we have paved our front and back garden and have placed a multitude of pots with lots of strong colours. During the hot spell my water butt came in very handy as I watered the plants daily and fed them once a week. We had bought a Clematis some years ago and never got much flower from it. Then last year we got nothing at all and early this year it seemed to be withered and dying. However, as I watered the other plants, I always included the Clematis and I was pleasantly surprised and delighted when in August it sprang into life and as you can see from the picture, we got the best from it. The feeding obviously made all the difference.



You will often hear it said that you do not have to go to Church to be a Christian and that is true, but it is at Church where we get our weekly feed and nurture, not only in the worship service but also as we share our joys and concerns in fellowship over a cup of tea or coffee.

The growth in our gardens is beginning to slow down as we approach winter but our growth in God never stops just as His love for us never stops no matter what season we are personally in.

### **A prayer from an old song:**

*'I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses.  
And the voice I hear falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses  
And He walks with me and He talks with me and He tells me I am His own  
And the joy we share as we tarry there none other has ever known.'* Blessings.

– Duncan Black

## Prayer



Inspire us Lord, and we study your word and enable us to use the gifts entrusted to us to your honour and glory.

Amen.


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### In-Person Prayer Meeting – Friday, 3rd October

Join us in **Room 1** on **Friday, 3rd October from 7pm-8pm** for our fortnightly in-person prayer gathering, led initially by **Erick Mwazonga**.

*"More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."*

## IN GOOD TIME – A SPECIAL EVENING AT RATHGAR

 Saturday 4th October, 7pm

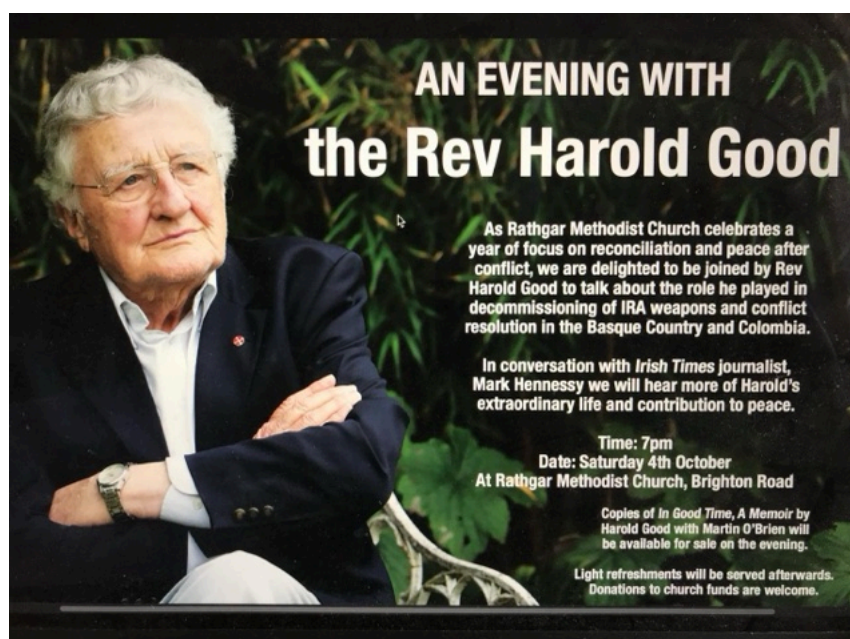
 Rathgar Methodist Church

 [Eventbrite link](#)


This is a date you'll want to mark in your diary! This year, Rathgar Methodist Church celebrates the 100th anniversary of the War Memorial Window and church extension. To honour the occasion, they've invited Rev. Harold Good to speak about his book, *In Good Time*.


Rev. Good, a retired Methodist minister, is widely respected for his role as a peacemaker in Northern Ireland, Colombia, the Basque Country, and beyond. Alongside Fr. Alex Reid, he was also a witness to the IRA decommissioning.

His book is widely available and makes for a real page-turner. Reading it beforehand will enrich the evening—and you might even persuade him to sign your copy!



## SKY'S THE LIMIT

 Tuesday 7th October, 7:30pm

 Room 1, Methodist Centenary Church, Leeson Park, D6

### The Irish Border


The Irish border is just over 100 years old. Like borders everywhere, it creates and poses issues. We can look at the border from a past perspective: was it necessary? was it in the right place? did it create more problems than it solved? Or we can think about the border today and in the future? Is it still needed? What is the alternative? Does dumping it create more problems than it solves?

Most of us have both an experience and an opinion on this issue, which will be introduced by Arnold Horner.

*Sky's the Limit continues on 4th November, 2nd December; 3rd February 2026, 3rd March 2026, 5th May 2026 (no session in January or on the Tuesday after Easter). Please save the dates.*

## HARVEST SUNDAY SERVICE


 Sunday 12th October, 10:30am


 Methodist Centenary Church, Leeson Park, D6

We are giving thanks for Dublin Port this year. God provides much of our requirements through this Port. Psalm 107 reminds us of this. 'Others went out on the sea in ships; they were merchants on the mighty waters'. Along with our morning service, we are planning a boat trip around the Port (courtesy of the Port Authority). Watch this space. Details regarding the decoration will follow. We are thankful that it has been a good year for fruit, vegetables and flowers. Non perishable items for God's Store House would also be gratefully received and will be distributed as part of the Christmas hampers. These model cranes, one historic and one modern, will be included in the decorations. They are museum pieces in the Port Museum.



## SONGS of PRAISE 🎵🎶


 Sunday 19th October, 3pm

 Methodist Centenary Church, Leeson Park, D6

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## CENTENARY ENTERTAINS ('J.S. BACH, PLUS.')

 Saturday 1st November

 Methodist Centenary Church, Leeson Park, D6

Continuing our series of free admission concerts our next event will be on **Saturday 1 November at 7pm** in the church. It will feature piano music played by our church musicians and friends. Each performer will play music by J.S. Bach with some contrasting material.

We are calling the event '**J.S. BACH, PLUS.**' Please mark the date in your diary and support the event. More details will be provided closer to the concert date.

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## Book Club

Our book choice for September was *The Figurine* by Victoria Hislop and it received mixed reviews. Our choice for October is *In Good Time* by **Rev Harold Good**.

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month from 12.30-2.00pm in Room 1, Wesley House. Each month we choose a book from a wide range of genres including biography, crime fiction, historical novels, humour and children's novels. We always have a lively discussion, with very varied opinions. We currently have 15 members and would be delighted to increase our numbers. If you would be interested in joining us, please contact Sylvia on [sylviahroddie@gmail.com](mailto:sylviahroddie@gmail.com)

### **Connect ... through English**

*Connect ... through English* meets weekly in Room 1 of Wesley House on Thursday mornings. (10.30 am – noon) It is open to people who have come to Ireland with hopes of making it their home for the short or long term. A team of South City Circuit members, working 4 at a time, take it in turns to host the gathering. We chat over cups of tea or coffee and join in an activity that gives further opportunity for practising oral English.

No two weeks are the same.

People come to Ireland for all sorts of reasons – e.g. education, work, in search of asylum or sometimes with Refugee status which has already been granted.

All are welcome.

If you are interested, whether to join the team of facilitators, or as a participant, please just come along or email us at [english@methodistcentenary.ie](mailto:english@methodistcentenary.ie)


### **Monthly Morning Holy Communion**

There is a monthly morning Holy Communion Service on the second Wednesday of each month from 10.00–10.30am in Room 1 followed by the Friendly Room.

### **Friendly Room**

The Friendly Room will open its doors again on Wednesday September 3rd. If you are free, do drop in for a cuppa and a chat between 10.30 and 12 noon. All are welcome—it's a great spot to catch up, enjoy good company, and share a bit of banter.


### **God's Storehouse in Tallaght**

 Please put donations of non-perishable food in the basket in the Coffee Bar at Wesley House

### **Giving to the church**

#### **Standing Order or Bank Transfer:**

- **Bank:** AIB Bank plc, 7/12 Dame Street, Dublin 2
- **Account Name:** Methodist Centenary Church Council No. 3 Account
- **BIC:** AIBKIE2D
- **IBAN:** IE89AIBK93122526909346

 Please include your **offering envelope number** so that the church can avail of tax relief on our donations.

 Questions? Please contact Alan Perry.

### **Tax Back Tax Relief Scheme**

A taxpayer who contributes €250 to the church in a year enables the church to recover €112.82 from the Revenue Commissioners thereby increasing the donation to €362.82, and pro rata for donations of over €250. This scheme brought in over €17,000 last year. To register, you need an envelope number and a CHY3 form from Lynne Pasley. This latter is valid for 5 years and doesn't commit you to make any future donations.



### **Debit or credit card**

A card reader is placed in the Coffee Bar each Sunday through which donations can be made using a debit or credit card.

### **Cheque**

If you can not come to church and you contribute by cheque we ask you to post your cheque, quoting your envelope number, to Billy Given. You can contact him at [billygiven115@gmail.com](mailto:billygiven115@gmail.com)

### **Forthcoming Services at 10.30am**

October 5	Service of Holy Communion with Rev Andrew Kingston
October 12	Harvest Service with Rev Andrew Kingston
October 19	Service of worship with Jean Kingston
October 26	Service of worship with Gillie Hinds

### **Local preachers**

Our local preachers take services regularly on the circuit and sometimes outside it. The current preaching plan includes:

September 28	11.30 Rathgar Mrs Lesley Rankin
October 5	10.00 Tallaght Mr Moba Mwanzele
October 12	10.00 Tallaght Mr Erick Mwazonga

### **Text for Announcements**

Text for inclusion in the Announcements should be sent to [news@methodistcentenary.ie](mailto:news@methodistcentenary.ie). The deadline is 10.00am on Wednesday morning.

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